

REMARKS

The Examiner's Action mailed on January 27, 2005, has been received and its contents carefully considered. Additionally attached to this Amendment is a Petition for One-month Extension of Time, extending the period for response to May 27, 2005.

In this Amendment, Applicant has editorially amended the specification, canceled claims 1-6, and added claims 7 and 8. Claim 7 is the independent claim, and includes the subject matter from original claims 1-4. For at least the following reasons, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance.

The Examiner's Action has rejected claims 1 and 3 as being anticipated by *Heinkel* (German Patent No. 558802). Because independent claim 7 has been drafted to include the subject matter of original dependent claims 2 and 4, which claims were not subject to this rejection, this rejection has been rendered moot.

Further, the Examiner has rejected claims 2, 4 and 6 as being obvious over *Heinkel* in view of *Blaes et al.* (USP 3,029,046). As noted above, independent claim 7 has been drafted to include the subject matter of original dependent claim 3. Because claim 3 was not subject to this rejection, this rejection has been rendered moot.

Further, the Examiner's Action has rejected claims 3 and 5 as being obvious over *Heinkel* in view of *Arnstein et al.* (USP 2,349,584). Because claim 7 has been amended to include the subject matter of dependent claims 2 and 4, which claims were not subject to this rejection, this rejection has been rendered moot.

The Examiner's attention is directed to the fact that Applicant's independent claim 7 has additionally been drafted to include the recitation that the corrugated area is disposed along the entire length of the air frame. Support for this claimed recitation can be found from at least Figure 1. Because of this configuration, the advantages discussed in Applicant's specification on page 2, lines 8 through 15,

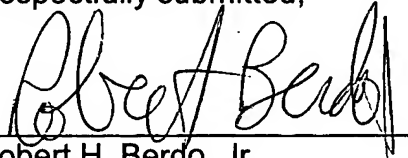
can be obtained. In contrast, none of the cited references disclose or otherwise suggest a corrugated area that is disposed along an entire length of the air frame. It is noted that *Heinkel* discloses the corrugated area being disposed only at a forward portion of the air frame. The other references do not overcome this deficiency. As such, it is submitted that Applicant's independent claim 7 is *prima facie* patentably distinguishable over the cited references for at least this following additional reason.

It is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Such action and the passing of this case to issue are requested.

Should the Examiner feel that a conference would help to expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned counsel to arrange for such an interview.

Should the remittance be accidentally missing or insufficient, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 18-0002, and notify us accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,



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